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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

For : Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,202,870  
Patentee : Woodrow W. Pearce  
Patent No. : 6,202,870  
Patent Issue Date : March 20, 2001  
Title : VENTING CAP  
  
Docket No. : 45955/CM/P369

**DECLARATION FOR REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION**

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Commissioner:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I reside at the address listed below, I am a citizen of the United States of America, and I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,202,870 (the "'870 Patent"), issued on March 20, 2001, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled VENTING CAP, the specification of which is attached hereto. The application for the '870 Patent was filed on March 29, 1999, as Application Serial No. 09/277,918 (the "'918 Application").

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

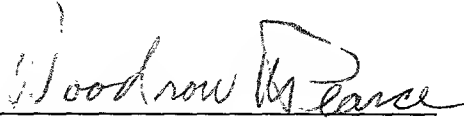
I believe that the '870 Patent is partially inoperative because none of the claims in the '870 Patent are directed to an insert for use with a cap for capping a bottle where the insert has an annular section forming an opening and comprising a first surface opposite a second surface and a groove formed on the first surface, wherein when the cap is capping the bottle, the groove extends beyond two locations on the rim. The novelty of this aspect of my invention was erroneously overlooked, as I did not appreciate the full scope of the invention being claimed at the time the '918 Application was filed and during its prosecution. My failure to recognize the full scope of the invention being

claimed was inadvertent as is evidenced by the fact that although this novel feature was described in the specification of the '918 Application, it was not broadly claimed. As a result of this failure, I claimed less than I had a right to claim in the '870 Patent. This error arose without any deceptive intention on my part.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified application, including the original claims 1-40, of which claims 18, 35, 37 and 40 have been amended for clarity, and the added reissue claims 41-49 which are directed to an insert for use with a cap and claims 50-59 which are directed vented bottle cap system.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the reissue application or any patent issuing thereon.

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The undersigned inventors of the accompanying reissue application for the reissue of Letters Patent No. 6,202,870, granted to him on March 20, 2001, entitled VENTING CAP of which Woodrow W. Pearce is now sole owner, and on whose behalf and with whose assent the accompanying application is made, hereby offers to surrender said Letters Patent.

As the named inventor, I hereby appoint:

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